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LIMDIS LAGOS FOR ASST. SECRETARY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, AO

SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ANGOLANS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA
AND NORMALIZATION

1. FIGUEIREDO IS NOT IN NEW YORK AND THUS EDMONDSON AND
WALKER WERE UNABLE TO MAKE THE PITCH ON SOUTHERN AFRICA
AS YOU
WISHED. THE FOLLOWING LINE ON NORMALIZATION HAS BEEN
APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY AND YOU AND ANDY YOUNG SHOULD
PURSUE IT WITH THE ANGOLANS AT LAGOS.

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THOUGH WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS AT THIS
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ANGOLA AND THE DASH ARTICLES QUESTIONING THE DEGREE OF
NETO'S CONTROL OVER POPULATION AND TERRITORY HAVE MADE IT

UNWISE ,IN OUR JUDGMENT, TO MOVE TO IMMEDIATE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

3. WE NONETHELESS CONTINUE TO WISH NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ANGOLA, AND HOPE THAT QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED CAN BE OVERCOME. ONE SUCH WAY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT MUTUAL US/ANGOLAN INTERESTS CAN BE SERVED BY DIALOGUE AND CLOSER RELATIONS WOULD BE THROUGH COOPERATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUES. CERTAINLY OUR REQUEST FOR PRA SUPPORT ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN AND NAMIBIA SHOWS THAT WE CONSIDER ANGOLA TO BE AN IMPORTANT COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE WISH TO DO BUSINESS.

4. WHILE YOU NEED NOT AT THIS TIME POSE A LIST OF PRECONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION, YOU SHOULD FIND THE WAY TO IMPART OUR VIEWS, FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE QUESTION OF THE DEGREE OF NETO'S CONTROL OVER POPULATION AND TERRITORY.

5. DESPITE THE PRESENT POLITICAL INADVISEABILITY OF MOVING TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WE NEVERTHELESS HOPE TO CONTINUE FRANK DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ANGOLANS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AFTER THE LAGOS CONFERENCE. YOU MIGHT TELL THE ANGOLAN REP THAT AF/C DIRECTOR WALKER WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH
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